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Title: AUTOMATIC CONTROL FO SOD § Atty. Docket No.: 684199-79US (7016S-000005)  
ROLL FLAPS §  
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**STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR §3.73(b)**

Commercial Grounds Care, Inc., a corporation, states that it is:

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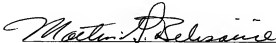
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- ☒ A chain of title from the inventor(s), of the patent/application identified above, to the current assignee as shown below:
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  2. From Steiner Turf Equipment, Inc. to Commercial Grounds Care, Inc. The document was recorded in the Patent and Trademark Office at Reel 018207, Frame 0033, a copy thereof is attached.

- ☒ Copies of assignments or other documents in the chain of title are attached.

The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is empowered to sign this statement on behalf of the assignee.

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JOHNSON CREEK, WISCONSIN 53038SERIAL NUMBER: 10619537  
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SERIAL NUMBER: 06923558  
PATENT NUMBER: 4832130  
TITLE: SOD HARVESTER WITH CONVEYOR STRUCTURE

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ISSUE DATE: 05/23/1989 ✓

SERIAL NUMBER: 09873900  
PATENT NUMBER: 6571883  
TITLE: SOD HARVESTER

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ISSUE DATE: 06/03/2003 ✓

SERIAL NUMBER: 09115858  
PATENT NUMBER: 6056064  
TITLE: MEHTOD OF HARVESTING SOD

FILING DATE: 07/15/1998 ✓  
ISSUE DATE: 05/02/2000

SERIAL NUMBER: 09385973  
PATENT NUMBER: 6223830  
TITLE: METHOD OF HARVESTING SOD

FILING DATE: 08/30/1999 ✓  
ISSUE DATE: 05/01/2001 ✓

SERIAL NUMBER: 08686555  
PATENT NUMBER: 5775436  
TITLE: SOD HARVESTER WITH PIVOTABLE ROLL-FORMING UNIT

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| Patent Number:      | 8056064  |
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## PATENT ASSIGNMENT

PATENT ASSIGNMENT made as of the 18<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2006 from Steiner Turf Equipment Inc., a Wisconsin corporation ("Assignor"), to Commercial Grounds Care, Inc., a Wisconsin corporation ("Assignee"). Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the respective meanings ascribed to such terms in the Agreement, as hereinafter defined. This Assignment is not intended to grant or impose, nor shall it be construed as granting or imposing, any rights or obligations to or on Assignor or Assignee beyond those expressly set forth in the Agreement, as hereinafter defined.

WHEREAS Assignee is a party to that certain Asset Purchase Agreement dated as of August 4, 2006 (the "Agreement") by and among Textron Inc., a Delaware corporation ("Textron"), Steiner Turf Equipment, a Wisconsin corporation and indirect wholly owned subsidiary of Textron ("Steiner Turf Equipment"), Steiner Turf Equipment Inc., a Wisconsin corporation and indirect wholly owned subsidiary of Textron ("Steiner") and Schiller-Pfeiffer, Inc., a Pennsylvania corporation relating exclusively to the business of designing and manufacturing certain equipment at the Johnson Creek, Wisconsin facility owned by Steiner Turf Equipment and located at One Bobcat Lane, Johnson Creek, Wisconsin 53038 and the Dalton, Ohio facility leased by Steiner at 289 North Kurzen Drive, Dalton, Ohio 44618, and marketing, selling and distributing such equipment for use in the commercial grounds care business under the brand names "Bob-Cat," "Brouwer," "Bunton," "Ryan" and "Steiner".

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 7(b)(iv) of the Agreement, Assignor has agreed to deliver this assignment;

WHEREAS Assignor desires to convey its entire right, title and interest in and to the United States and foreign patents and patent applications set forth in Exhibit A hereto, and any and all inventions disclosed therein ("Patents"); and

WHEREAS Assignee is desirous of acquiring Assignor's entire right, title and interest in and to the Patents.

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged by the parties hereto, Assignor hereby sells, assigns, conveys and transfers to Assignee, its successors and assigns, Assignor's entire right, title and interest, legal and equitable, in and to the Patents for the United States and its possessions and territories and all foreign countries, including any and all provisionals, divisions, continuations, continuations in part, substitute applications, reexaminations and reissues or extensions thereof; and all resulting patents to the full end of the term for which said Patents may be granted as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by Assignor had this assignment and sale not been made, together with all claims for damages by reason of past infringement of said Patents with the right to sue for and collect the same for its own use and behalf or for the use and behalf of its legal representatives;

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Assignor has caused its duly authorized officer to execute this Assignment as of the date first written above.

STEINER TURF EQUIPMENT INC.

By: Laurence J. O'Connell  
Name: Laurence J. O'Connell  
Title: Vice President

STATE OF WISCONSIN )  
 ) ss.:  
COUNTY OF WILKINSON )

On this 16 day of August, 2006, before me, JOHN G. GEHRINGER, personally appeared LAURENCE J. O'CONNELL the VICE PRESIDENT of Steiner Turf Equipment Inc., personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that she executed the same in her authorized capacity and that by her signature on the instrument the person, or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.

Witness my hand and official seal.

John G. Gehring  
Signature of Notary Public

ACKNOWLEDGED AND ACCEPTED:

COMMERCIAL GROUNDS CARE, INC.

By: [Signature]  
Name: Vicki Watson  
Title: Vice Pres



# Exhibit A

## to Patent Assignment by Steiner Turf Equipment Inc.

| Application No. | Filing Date | Patent No. | Issue Date | Country | Title                                     | Status           |
|-----------------|-------------|------------|------------|---------|---|------------------|
| 923558          | 10/27/1986  | 4832130    | 5/23/1989  | US      | Sod Harvester With Conveyor Structure     | Granted: Issued  |
| 10/619537       | 7/15/2003   |            |            | US      | Robotic Sod Stacker                       | Filed: Published |
| 10/624462       | 7/22/2003   |            |            | US      | Robotic Sod Stacker                       | Filed: Published |
| 10/898710       | 7/23/2004   |            |            | US      | Robotic Sod Stacker With Software Control | Filed: Published |
| 2003253892      | 7/15/2003   |            |            | AU      | Robotic Sod Stacker                       | Filed: Pending   |
| 2463470         | 7/15/2003   |            |            | CA      | Robotic Sod Stacker                       | Filed: Pending   |
| 2462015         | 3/23/2004   |            |            | CA      | Robotic Sod Stacker                       | Filed: Pending   |
| 2504994         | 4/22/2005   |            |            | CA      | Robotic Sod Stacker With Software Control | Filed: Pending   |
| 038170515       | 7/15/2003   |            |            | CN      | Robotic Sod Stacker                       | Filed: Published |
| 2005100753384   | 6/10/2005   |            |            | CN      | Robotic Sod Stacker With Software Control | Filed: Published |
| 037645850       | 7/15/2003   |            |            | EP      | Robotic Sod Stacker                       | Filed: Published |
| 042543686       | 7/22/2004   |            |            | EP      | Robotic Sod Stacker                       | Filed: Published |
| 052546314       | 7/25/2005   |            |            | EP      | Robotic Sod Stacker With Software Control | Filed: Pending   |
| 2004521758      | 7/15/2003   |            |            | JP      | Robotic Sod Stacker                       | Filed: Pending   |
| 2004110473      | 4/2/2004    |            |            | JP      | Robotic Sod Stacker                       | Filed: Pending   |
| 20057000669     | 7/15/2003   |            |            | KR      | Robotic Sod Stacker                       | Filed: Pending   |
| 1020050066368   | 7/21/2005   |            |            | KR      | Robotic Sod Stacker With Software Control | Filed: Pending   |
| 09/873900       | 6/4/2001    | 6571883    | 6/3/2003   | US      | Sod Harvester                             | Granted: Issued  |
| 10/479632       | 7/12/2004   |            |            | US      | Sod Harvester                             | Filed: Published |
| 2002305745      | 5/30/2002   |            |            | AU      | Sod Harvester                             | Filed: Pending   |



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| 2449683           | 5/30/2002   |            |            | CA      | Sod Harvester                                  | Filed: Pending   |
| 027345883         | 5/30/2002   |            |            | EP      | Sod Harvester                                  | Filed: Published |
| 2003501255        | 5/30/2002   |            |            | JP      | Sod Harvester                                  | Filed: Pending   |
| 10/618844         | 7/14/2003   |            |            | US      | Roll-Up Conveyor For A Sod Harvester           | Filed: Published |
| 2463472           | 7/14/2003   |            |            | CA      | Roll-Up Conveyor For A Sod Harvester           | Filed: Pending   |
| 038170493         | 7/14/2003   |            |            | CN      | Roll-Up Conveyor For A Sod Harvester           | Filed: Published |
| 037645462         | 7/14/2003   |            |            | EP      | Roll-Up Conveyor For A Sod Harvester           | Filed: Published |
| 2004521719        | 7/14/2003   |            |            | JP      | Roll-Up Conveyor For A Sod Harvester           | Filed: Pending   |
| 09/115858         | 7/15/1998   | 6056064    | 5/2/2000   | US      | Method Of Harvesting Sod                       | Granted: Issued  |
| 09/385973         | 8/30/1999   | 6223830    | 5/1/2001   | US      | Method Of Harvesting Sod                       | Granted: Issued  |
| 686555            | 7/26/1996   | 5775436    | 7/7/1998   | US      | Sod Harvester With Pivotable Roll-Forming Unit | Granted: Issued  |
| 10/898711         | 7/23/2004   |            |            | US      | Pallet Presenter For Agricultural Equipment    | Filed: Published |
| 2505061           | 4/22/2005   |            |            | CA      | Pallet Presenter For Agricultural Equipment    | Filed: Pending   |
| 2005100749<br>567 | 8/6/2005    |            |            | CN      | Pallet Presenter For Agricultural Equipment    | Filed: Published |
| 052530722         | 5/18/2005   |            |            | EP      | Pallet Presenter For Agricultural Equipment    | Filed: Published |
| 2005148161        | 5/20/2005   |            |            | JP      | Pallet Presenter For Agricultural Equipment    | Filed: Published |
| 094112631         | 4/20/2005   |            |            | TW      | Pallet Presenter For Agricultural Equipment    | Filed: Pending   |